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SUBJ: SENATOR GOLDWATER'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. FOLLOWING FOR AGENCY AND STATE INFORMATION ONLY AND  
NOT FOR MEDIA USE.

2. IN A 50-MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY SENATOR  
BARRY GOLDWATER, WITH MRS. ANNA CHENNAULT AT HIS SIDE,  
COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

2. HE PRAISED PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK AS AN EXAMPLE  
OF THE TYPE LEADER TH WORLD NEEDS TODAY AND SAID THE  
WORLD HAS LOST A TRUELY GREAT MAN. HE SAID HIS  
STRONGEST IMPRESSION ON THIS TRIP TO TAIWAN WAS THE  
TREMENDOUS TRIBUTE PAID PRESIDENT CHIANG BY THE PEOPLE  
OF TAIWAN DURING HIS FUNERAL.

3. HE SAID HE HAD SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT FORD VISIT TAIPEI  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS VISIT TO THE MAINLAND  
AND RECEIVED AN ANSWER THAT MR. FORD THINKS IT  
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AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND WILL CONSIDER IT. "I WILL CONTINUE  
TO PUSH HIM." HE THOUGHT EVENTS HAD GIVEN PRESIDENT FORD  
PAUSE ABOUT VISITING PEKING.

4. HE HAD NOT DETECTED ANY FEAR OF A DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ROC AND SAW NO NEED FOR ANYONE ON EITHER SIDE TO HAVE APPREHENSIONS.

5. HE THOUGHT THE WORD "FRIENDSHIP" BEST DESCRIBED U.S.-ROC RELATIONS AND HE DOUBTED THAT ANYTHING COULD UPSET THE RELATION.

6. HE SAID THERE WAS DIVIDED FEELING IN THE U.S. ABOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA; SOME WOULD LIKE TO FORGET THE AREA AND OTHERS CONSIDERED U.S. WITHDRAWAL A BIG MISTAKE. HE SAID THE U.S. MUST BE CONCERNED WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA BUT NOTED THAT VERY FEW AMERICANS APPRECIATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS PART OF THE WORLD.

7. HE SAID ISOLATIONISM WAS GROWING IN THE U.S., SIMILAR TO THE 1920S' AND 30S' AND WAS A VERY DANGEROUS TREND. THE U.S. MUST BE WILLING AND ABLE TO HELP NATIONS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MAINTAINING THEIR FREEDOM.

8. HE DID NOT BELIEVE CONGRESS WOULD VOTE VIETNAM AID FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT ASKED BUT WOULD MAKE SOME AMOUNT AVAILABLE SINCE IT WAS A MATTER OF THE U.S. KEEPING ITS WORD.

9. HE THOUGHT THE U.S. MEDIA HAD DISTORTED THE RESULTS OF NIXON'S CHINA VISIT THROUGH MISINTERPRETATION, NOT NECESSARILY PURPOSELY. THERE WAS STILL CONFUSION OVER WHY HE WENT. SENATOR GOLDWATER SAID HE TOLD SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE TIME THAT A CONTACT WITH CHINA WAS A GOOD IDEA, BUT NOT FORMAL RECOGNITION. AND HE SAID HE SAW NO SIGNS THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WILL BE EXPANDED. HE RECALLED RECOGNITION OF THE USSR AS A BAD MISTAKE.

10. ASKED WHY PRESIDENT FORD DIDN'T MENTION TAIWAN IN HIS STATE OF THE WORLD MESSAGE, GOLDWATER NOTED THAT MR. FORD MENTIONED SOME COUNTRIES AND DIDN'T MENTION OTHERS.  
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THE U.S.- TAIWAN RELATIONSHIP WAS CLOSE AND WE SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE IT. "THE ONLY CHANGE I WANT TO SEE IS A CLOSER ASSOCIATION." HE NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT DIDN'T MENTION PORTUGAL AND THAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN NOT MENTIONING TAIWAN.

11. HE DID NOT SEE ANY REASONS TO EXPECT THAT PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH WOULD INCREASE CHANCES OF RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN TAIPEI AND PEKING. HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THAT FREE PEOPLE IN TAIWAN WOULD WANT TO MELD WITH THE SLAVES ON THE CHINA MAINLAND; MAYBE THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

12. HE DOUBTED THAT PRESIDENT CHIANG'S PASSING WOULD MAKE U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE PRC EASIER. HE COULD SEE NO SCENARIOS WHICH COULD CAUSE THE U.S. TO DESERT ITS FRIENDS IN TAIWAN.

13. HE SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH BASIC U.S. SOUTHEAST ASIAN POLICY. THE MISTAKE WAS NOT DECIDING TO WIN THE VIETNAM WAR -- "WE DIDN'T HAVE THE DETERMINATION." HE CRITICIZED FORMER DEFENSE SECRETARY MCNAMARA AS NOT UNDERSTANDING WAR AND SAID NEITHER PRESIDENTS KENNEDY OR JOHNSON UNDERSTOOD THAT WAR MUST BE FOUGHT TO WIN. "I AM CRITICAL OF THE POLICY OF NO WIN."

14. HE TWICE SAID THE VIETNAM WAR COULD HAVE BEEN WON WITHOUT USING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. WHEN YOU GO TO WAR, HE SAID, YOU DECIDE TO WIN IT AND DO WHAT IS NECESSARY; IF YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO FIGHT TO WIN, THEN DON'T GET INTO IT. HE DESCRIBED U.S. VIETNAM POLICY AS IDIOTIC -- "WE COULD HAVE WON IT."

15. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE GOING BACK INTO VIETNAM UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

16. HE SAID GIVING OKINAWA TO JAPAN WAS A MISTAKE AND THE U.S. WOULD HAVE TO FIND ALTERNATE BASES.

17. HE SAID THE BEST GUARANTEE OF PEACE IN ASIA WAS FOR THE U.S. TO KEEP ITS COMMITMENTS WHICH HASN'T BEEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CASE. THIS HAS RAISED QUESTIONS AMONG FRIENDS AND ENEMIES ALIKE. THE U.S. SHOULD REMAIN THE LEADING POWER SINCE WE WOULD USE THE POWER BETTER FOR PEACE THAN MIGHT OTHERS.

18. HE SAID RECOGNITION OF THE PRC HAD NOT REALLY BEEN SERIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN CONGRESS ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY MENTIONED ADDING, " WE ARE GOING TO BE MORE ATTENTIVE TO THIS."

19. HE THOUGHT CONGRESS WOULD GO ALONG WITH EVACUATING AS MANY AS 400,000 PEOPLE FROM VIETNAM BUT THE QUESTION WAS, CAN WE? HE THOUGHT THE MATTER BEARS ON AMERICA'S CONSCIENCE.

20. HE SAID THE U.S. NO LONGER HAD THE LOGISTICAL ABILITY TO SUPPORT A MILITARY RETURN TO THE MAINLAND OF CHINA.

21. HE DID NOT SEE ANY QUICK ANSWER FOR THE CHINA QUESTION. IT IS A DIVIDED PEOPLE AND THE OTHER SIDE ALLOWS NO VOTING.

22. WORLD WAR THREE COULD WELL START ON THE PRC-USSR BORDER AND WILL UNLESS THE U.S. REMAINS A POWER. THAT BORDER IS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST TROUBLE SPOT.

23. HE SAID PRESIDENT FORD HAD BEEN ADVISED RECENTLY TO PONDER A PRC VISIT AND MIGHT POSTPONE IT. SENATOR GOLDWATER SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE U.S. WOULD GAIN MUCH. BUT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS NOT ASKING FOR RECOGNITION AND IT WAS A CHANCE TO HAVE CONTACT WITH A LARGE PART OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

24. HE SAID RECENT POLLS SHOWED THE ECONOMY AS THE DOMINANT CONCERN OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

25. HE COULD NOT CONCEIVE THE U.S. SENDING TROOPS TO HELP ISREAL; SUPPLIES, YES.

26 HE SAID THE LESSON OF THE PARIS PEACE TALKS WAS NOT TO DO BUSINESS WITH COMMUNISTS; THEY DON'T KEEP THEIR WORD.  
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27. HE DETECTED SOME APPEASEMENT IN CONGRESS, MAINLY AMONG YOUNG MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED MUCH. HE HOPED THEY LEARNED BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE.

28. HE SAID CONGRESS HAS GIVEN AWAY MUCH POWER TO BUREAUS AND DEPARTMENT AND CAUSED A PROBLEM OF CENTRALIZATION OF POWER IN AMERICA WHICH COULD CAUSE A DIVISION IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY BUT HE DID NOT SEE ANY SIGNS OF EFFORTS BY CONSERVATIVES IN THIS DIRECTION IN THE NEXT ELECTION.  
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